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MEDIA ADVISORY

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Thorn Park improvements, new all-abilities playground

- WHO:** Parks and Recreation Department, Community and Human Development Representatives, and District 1 City Representative Peter Svarzbein
- WHAT:** Ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate renovations to Thorn Park-All Abilities Playground
- WHEN:** 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4
- WHERE:** Thorn Park, 5300 Mace St.

The City is celebrating improvements and renovations to the all-abilities playground at Thorn Park with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The \$777,107 in park improvements were made possible through Community Development Block Grant funds. Improvements include a new all-ability playground with a rubber surface, a fabric canopy for the playground, a new swing set with a wood chip surface, a renovated basketball court, benches and picnic tables covered by a metal canopy, trash receptacles, a bicycle rack, new trees, ADA sidewalks, and a new parking lot with wheelchair ramps.

The playground provides accessibility to all children. There are three components to a higher level of Inclusive Play: physical accessibility; age and developmental appropriateness; and sensory-stimulating activity. A higher level of inclusive playgrounds invite children of all abilities to play and imagine together—making them equal through play.

The project is part of the City's commitment to enhance the quality of life for residents, business and visitors through the creation of recreational, cultural and educational environments.

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